

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were examined. Claims 1, 3-4 and 10 are amended. Claims 1-20 remain in the Application.

The Patent Office rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The Patent Office finds claims 11-20 allowable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Patent Office rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Specifically, the Patent Office believes the specification does not support the limitation of claim 1 that an interface material includes a separate first portion and a second portion. The Patent Office suggests describing the interface material as “a first interface material having a first portion and a second interface material having a second portion.”

With respect to the interface material of claim 1, Applicants accept the suggestion of the Patent Office and amend the claims accordingly. Applicants believe the amendment does not change the scope of the claim 1 and therefore, requests that the amendment be entered. Applicants also amend claims 3-4 and 10 to be consistent with the language of claim 1. For completeness, claim 3 as amended is supported in the Application at paragraph [0033]; claim 4 as amended at paragraph [0029]; and claim 10 at paragraph [0029]. Applicants also respectfully request that the amendments to claims 3-4 and 10 be entered.

Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office withdraw the rejection to claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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